



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH
INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED HERD PLAN

Uniform methods and rules for the establishment of maintenance of certified brucellosis-free herds of cattle or bison as recommended by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture.

A herd may qualify as brucellosis-free by one of the following methods:

SECTION I. HERD CERTIFICATION

A. Complete herd blood test

For **initial certification**, a herd must have at least two consecutive negative herd blood tests, between 10 and 14 months apart.

For **herd re-certification**, a herd must have a negative herd blood test within 60 days of the certification anniversary date to maintain continuous certification. A 60-day grace period, during which a herd may be reinstated with a single-negative herd blood test, is allowed.

For purposes of certifying a herd, **the herd blood test must include all natural addition heifers and bulls that are 18 months of age or older.**

B. Milk Ring Test (BRT)

For initial certification, a herd must have a minimum of four consecutive negative milk ring tests conducted at intervals of 90 days or more. The series must be followed by a negative herd blood test conducted within 90 days after the last negative milk ring test. BRT procedures are not used for recertifying herds.

The blood test shall be made by a Deputy State Veterinarian of the owner's choice.

SECTION II. ADDITIONS TO CERTIFIED HERDS

A. Natural herd increase.

B. Cattle from certified herds or class free states or areas. No test requirements on breeding or dairy cattle originating from certified Brucellosis free herds or class free states or areas. Test eligible animals shall not receive new herd status for **sale purposes** until they have passed a 60-120 day post entry retest.

C. Cattle from non-certified herds or non-class free states that are test eligible cattle and are from herds not under quarantine must be blood tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days prior to the date of being moved. A 60-120 day post entry retest is required for all test eligible cattle purchased from non-certified free herds or non-class free states or areas. These test eligible animals will be isolated from the rest of the herd until the 60-120 day post entry retest is made and is negative. Test eligible animals added to a certified free herd under this provision shall not receive new **herd status for sale purposes** until they have passed a 60-120 day post entry retest and have been included in a yearly (anniversary) herd test.

I have carefully read the foregoing and hereby agree to comply with all stipulations as set forth, and to cooperate in providing the necessary assistance and facilities to properly retain all animals for the test.

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| OWNER SIGNATURE | | DATE | |
| FARM/RANCH NAME (IF ANY) | | ADDRESS | |
| TOWN/CITY | ZIP CODE | STATE | TELEPHONE NUMBER |